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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-19, 22-24, and 26-29, 32-38, 40, 41, and 43-52 are pending in this application. By this Supplemental Reply, claim 1, 2, 12, and 26 is amended and new claims 49-52 have been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during the personal interview conducted on July 22, 2003. During the interview, all of the claims were discussed in general, with a special emphasis on claims 1, 4, 5, 8, and 14. It was agreed that the amendments to claims 4, 5, 8, and 14 filed on May 21, 2003 overcame the asserted references in the Final Office Action dated February 13, 2003. With respect to claim 1, as well as the remaining independent claims, an agreement was not reached. However, Applicant advised the Examiner that this supplemental amendment may be filed to further define the features of those claims.

Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 12, 26 have been amended to recite additional features of the preferred embodiment. For example, these claims recite that the recognition code does not correspond to a memory address. It is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, define patentable subject matter over Wu (U.S. Patent No. 5,986,636). Withdrawal of the pending rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Additionally, new claims 49-52 have been added to recite additional features of the preferred embodiment it is believed that these claims are condition for allowance for at least the

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reasons discussed above, and for the reasons discussed in the Reply filed on May 21, 2003.
Prompt examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Anthony H. Nourse, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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